



August 9th, 2026

11th Sunday After Pentecost

Text in **bold** indicates speaking in unison.

This symbol ** indicates we will stand if able

Hearing amplification devices available at the sound booth

This service is being livestreamed on YouTube

WE GATHER

Shalom: Let us extend “shalom”– An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, & blessing.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

From Guyana, Found in Celebrate God's Presence (2000)

One: This is my day:

**All: A day of rest A day of hope
A day of peace and happiness.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made:

**All: A day to sing A day to praise
A day to become one in the Spirit.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: This is my day. This is your day. This is our day.

**** Hymn: “Gather Us In” MV 7 (Twice)**

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

Written by Gill Le Fevre, Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, page 39. Used with permission

One: While our world is a storm of trouble and grief, in worship we find a time of calm and renewal.

All **We seek the courage of God's word planted deep in our hearts.**

One: Let us slow down in order to receive God's truth for us.

All: **We seek the comfort of God's grace, refreshing our soul.**

One: Let us reflect and remember God's promise to us.

All: **We seek the compassion of God's love, nourishing our lives.**

One: Let us share with those around us, reminding all of God's blessings for us even in the midst of the storms of life.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Brenda Simon, St. Paul's U.C., Fairview, Alta.

All: **Dear God, we like to declare that we love you more than anything else. We know we should. The truth is, sometimes we forget.**

Sometimes, we let our friends and family come ahead of you. Sometimes, we let work and play and rest come before praise and prayer and worship. Please forgive us.

Help us to remember that other people and other activities can be important, but they don't come before you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Time For The Young & Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33, read by Beth MacEwan

Music Ministry: Faith Hands by Alex Scott

Sermon: by Gwen Bevan

****Hymn:** "I Danced in the Morning" VU 352 (1,2,4,5)

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offertory Prayer (unison)

**Loving God, we give these gifts with thankful hearts.
Use them to share your love, your mercy,
and your hope with the world. Amen**

WE PRAY THROUGH WORD AND MUSIC

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

**We offer our prayers to the one God, Mother of us all,
as we join in the prayer of Jesus:**

****Hymn:** "Who Is My Mother"

MV 178

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**** Benediction & Commissioning** (adapted from re-worship.blogspot.com. Proper 12A.)

One: Who can separate us from the love of God? Can troubles or hardships, persecution, hunger, poverty, danger, or even death?

All: **The answer is nothing—absolutely nothing. No matter what comes our way, we have overwhelming victory through Christ who loved us and gave himself for us.**

One: So go into the coming week to love and serve God with hope and joy, confident in the knowledge that God's love and mercy surround you.

And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you wherever you find yourself this week. Amen.

**** Closing Hymn: "Hope of the World" VU 215**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Vacations

Kristine will be away from August 16th to Sept 12th.
Joanne will be away from August 24th to August 28th.

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Arden Pastoral Charge – Arden & Mountain Grove, ON

St. Jacob's Bus Trip – August 20th

We currently have three tickets available for our bus trip; tickets are \$100. Contact Linda or Beth to purchase.

Upcoming Faith Events

August 20: St. Jacob's Bus Trip
September 20: M&S Mini Bake Sale
September 26: Jazz Dinner Show
October 18: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch
October 24: Wartime Radio Show
November 1: Pumpkin Parade
November 7: Faith Christmas Bazaar
December 17-19: Christmas Show

Euchre Notice

Please be advised that there is NO euchre during the month of August.

New Members Class- Fall 2026

Several people have expressed interest in joining the church as members. This fall we are planning to offer a new members class for people to get to know one another, learn about the ethos of the United Church of Canada, and of Faith United Church. This class is not a requirement for joining Faith United and you can take the class even if you decide you aren't ready to join. If you are interested in this class, or in becoming a member, please contact the office.

Next Week's Scripture Reading

The reader for August 16th is Kathleen Pearce, who is reading Luke 24:13-18; 25-32.

Notice

The flooring in the Sun Room is being replaced the week of August 24 – 28. No activities will be scheduled that week; the room will be emptied the week of August 17 – 21.

As an act of respect and reconciliation we at Faith United acknowledge that our church is on the unceded land of the (Ah-nish-nah-bay) Anishinaabe, the (HO-den-o-SHO-nee) Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. We are treaty people living in the region of the Williams Treaty.

This Week at Faith United

Monday August 10	
Tuesday August 11	Gardeners: 9am Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am
Wednesday August 12	
Thursday August 13	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am
Friday August 14	
Saturday August 15	Private Rental (S): 9am – 5pm
Sunday August 16	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Private Rental (S) – 7pm

Faith United is a scent-free environment.

Our accessible washroom is on the main floor.
Other washrooms are available in the Sun Room.
Please share your bulletins, then recycle them.

Licensed Lay Worship Leader: Gwen Bevan
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Faith United Mission Statement

We believe in a loving and forgiving God, shown to us through Jesus Christ, creation, the bible, and the community of believers.

Therefore, we will:

strive to provide a spiritual home that is openly welcoming, nurturing and safe whatever a person's gifts, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance may be.

seek to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer;

risk sharing our resources with local and global neighbours in response to God's call;

be committed to the responsible use and care of all that God has entrusted to us;

encourage all who gather here to participate freely in the life and work of this church.

Let our actions reflect our faith.

We Are Glad You Are Here! ~ Guest Information

Name(s):_____

Email:_____

Address:_____Ph:_____

Postal Code:_____How Did You Find Us?_____

My Household Includes: Child ☐ Youth ☐ Adult ☐ Senior ☐

I'm Interested In: ☐ Learning more about Faith

☐ Envelopes/PAR information

☐ Becoming a member

☐ Baptism

Comments:_____

Y N I wish to receive email updates from Faith United Church.

Please circle one.